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SENATOR MARVEL: Yes.

SENATOR ANDERSON: Yes.

SENATOR MARVEL: In other words Senator Anderson, if I understand your question correctly. We are not trying to tie money basically to student credit hours. Because if we did this at the moment, these state colleges would be in deep trouble and would continue to lose faculty. So this in affect, this budget is an attempt to take a year's sabbatical, so to speak and try to figure out and let them figure out how they pose to view their contribution to higher education as far as the state is concerned in the future. And I'm not sure that's quite...

SENATOR ANDERSON: O.K. I'm sure you are at the thrust of my question and this is that as I understand the situation this cash fund would be based on a continuation of the enrollment level that we have now, but the fact that quite likely that enrollment is going to drop that would also drop the cash tuition income which in affect would mandate, I think in the case of Wayne State College or Chadron State College, would probably mandate a three or four faculty cut, and this is what I'm really attempting to pin down right now.

SENATOR MARVEL: Do you want to hold your question just a minute. I can't listen to you and get the answer at the same time.

SENATOR ANDERSON: O.K. Go ahead.

SENATOR MARVEL: Now if I understand your question properly. Basically the General Fund money, which if you tie this to enrollment would be decreasing. This next year. But the General Fund money will remain the same. The estimate for the cash also will remain the same. As the cash goes down, I guess your question is, if the tuition goes down, then will there be a decrease in faculty, is that right. It's possible, yes. We have not decreased the General Fund money, which if you tied it directly to the student credit hour production, that we had this last year, it would decrease General Fund money. We have less of the General Fund money basically at the same level as last year.

SENATOR ANDERSON: You have left the General Fund money, but if the enrollment in these schools does go down as is commonly expected, then we would be in affect mandating pay decrease of two, three or four faculty positions then.

SENATOR MARVEL: Just a minute, I've got to go back. I can't hear out of both ears at the same time. I'm sorry. May we go on to the next part, and then I'll come back to your question. I can't get the information and then...

PRESIDENT: Senator Frank Lewis, did you have a question at this point, and then Senator Nore. Senator Frank Lewis.

SENATOR FRANK LEWIS: Mr. President, I would have a couple questions relating to the proposed study that Senator Marvel has...that his committee has written into this particular...

PRESIDENT: Let's have a little order please. So Senator Marvel can hear the question.